

WASHINGTON – Today, Rep. Earl Blumenauer, a member of the House Budget and Ways and Means Committees, released the following statement in response to May job creation numbers:

“Today’s jobs report is clear evidence that our work here in Congress to enable an economic recovery is not finished. People across the country are still struggling to find family-wage jobs that will provide financial security and the foundation for our prosperity as a nation.

“Yet the Republican majority seems to have moved on completely from the task of job creation. We have yet to see a single jobs bill from the House majority, which has instead chosen an ideological agenda that ends Medicare while giving more tax cuts to the rich. The majority has also proposed job-killing cuts of 31 percent to transportation and \$1 billion from clean water revolving funds. These proposals have nothing to do with job creation or economic recovery, and the overall Republican budget actually makes our deficits worse.

“There are common sense steps we can take right now that will create jobs and save our country trillions of dollars in the long run. Once you get outside the Beltway, almost everyone agrees that we should be rebuilding our crumbling infrastructure and investing in clean American energy that reduces our dependence on oil. We can also stop playing games with our debt limit, which rattles markets and creates uncertainty that impedes economic growth. It is time to stop simply promising to have an adult conversation, but rather start taking responsible action.”